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FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

The First Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as Lakeview United Methodist Church), sits on the banks of Lake Anna in the downtown residential area of Barberton, Ohio. The First Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on September 13, 1891. (The town of Barberton was founded in 1891). Services were held in various downtown business buildings, until the church was dedicated on March 5, 1893. Hard times were faced from the beginning as the Kirkham Art Tile and Pottery Company, where several members were employed, burned down the morning of the dedication. Financial problems persisted. Imminent foreclosure proceedings threatened, with the possibility of the church being sold to the Catholic community. Many sacrifices were made by the congregation to save the church. Fortunately, the church survived and additions were made in 1954 and 1961 to accommodate the growing congregation. In 1968, the name was changed to Lakeview United Methodist Church.